

AmeriCorps NCCC

The mission of Lutheran Disaster Response is to serve impacted individuals who may be especially vulnerable and are not able to recover from the effects of a disaster without additional assistance. On June 22, 2011 the Souris River overwhelmed local levees, impacting more than 4,000 homes in Minot and surrounding areas. Of those affected, only about 375 homeowners had flood insurance. AmeriCorps NCCC teams responded quickly by deploying with Lutheran Disaster Response and have continued to support long-term recovery efforts. Tasks included mucking and gutting homes and mold remediation. Additionally, teams have assisted with the setup of Hope Village, a multi-faith volunteer village. The current team is continuing these efforts and is helping the LDR move into the rebuilding stage. Members have gained knowledge of the inner workings of disaster recovery efforts.

AmeriCorps VISTA

North Dakota State University's AmeriCorps VISTA members served at a dozen sites throughout the state at organizations helping people rise from poverty. These members were instrumental to the growth of the organizations by raising \$342,696 in cash and in-kind support through the recruitment and management of 337 volunteers serving more than 3,000 hours. A VISTA serving with Hope Village (an organization focused on long term recovery following the 2011 Souris River flood) organized a 30-day fundraising campaign that raised more than \$165,000. Hope Village volunteers have completely rebuilt about 100 homes. A VISTA serving with Council on Abused Women's Services North Dakota partnered with local abuse and sexual assault prevention organizations to host the first annual Race to Zero 4K in April. The event honored the strength of survivors and raised awareness for 138 participants and attendees.

Senior Corps

RSVP North Dakota State University's 12 RSVP mentors logged 596 hours with 17 children mentoring one-on-one and in small group settings in school and faith-based environments. Based on survey data, 14 of 17 children showed improvements in behavioral areas and 13 of 17 showed improvements in self-control, communications, and reading/math literacy. Fifty-three FGP volunteers paired with 463 elementary students identified as "non-proficient" or "partially proficient" reading levels demonstrated improvement in three or four reading skills (student can retell story with significant detail, increased vocabulary, increased reading proficiency level, and increased work identification).